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Reply to Office Action of 03/06/2006

## REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2006. In the Office Action, claims 6 and 14 were objected while claims 1-5, 7-13 and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claims 1, 4-5, 9 and 12-13 have been amended and claims 6, 14 and 17-54 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 55-61 have been added, which are generally consistent with pending claims 1-5 and 7-8. Reconsideration of the outstanding claims is respectfully requested.

More specifically, claims 6 and 14 were objected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if placed into independent form. Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 9 to include limitations associated with claims 6 and 14, respectively. Allowance of claims 1 and 9 as well as those claims dependent thereon is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7-13 and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Wagner (C Compiler Design for a Network Processor) in view of Harriman (U.S. Patent No. 5,838,960). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the §103(a) rejection based on the amendments set forth above.
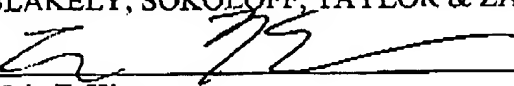
### Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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